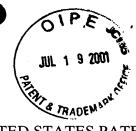
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## SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of February 21, 2001, and supplementing the Amendment filed June 21, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 15, 19, 26 and 27 as in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

15. (Amended) The alkali metal-containing niobate-based piezoelectric sintering material composition according to claim 13, wherein said solid solution is represented by a composition formula  $\text{Li}_x(K_{1-y}\text{Na}_y)_{1-x}(\text{Nb}_{1-z}\text{Ta}_z)\text{O}_3$ , wherein x = 0.001 to 0.2, y = 0 to 0.8, z = 0 to 0.4.

